

I am writing to express my opposition to the Department of Transportation's proposed adoption of a system of records under the Privacy Act of 1974. The Categories of Records in the System contains extremely open-ended terms such as "proprietary data", "associated data", and "public source information". Such terms do not place practical limits on what data is gathered.

Furthermore, the retention time of information on "individuals who are deemed to pose a possible risk to transportation security" of 50 years is astronomical and without qualification.

Given the immense public outcry over the proposed Total Information Awareness Program, this similarly-minded proposal needs more public attention and scrutiny, and more concrete language describing what privacy and civil rights of Americans are being chipped away at.

I ask that the proposal be withdrawn, re-considered, and re-presented with much more public awareness.